

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An impact compactor, comprising:

a chassis structure having wheels for supporting the structure above the ground;

a pair of opposite non-round impact rollers ~~roller~~ carried on an axle assembly ~~mounted on~~ linked to the chassis structure via a pivotal ~~pivotally located~~ drag link, the rollers being shaped to, in use, impart under their own weight a series of compaction impacts on a ground surface over which they are displaced;

an engagement formation provided on one of the drag link and the axle assembly; and

a lifting arrangement for lifting the ~~location of the non-round roller~~ rollers with respect to the chassis structure to a raised level at which the ~~roller is~~ rollers are spaced above the ground ~~on which the chassis structure is supported by its wheels,~~ the lifting arrangement including a lifting arm and a hydraulic piston/cylinder mechanism,

in which:

the lifting arm is located above the drag link and is pivotable about a front end thereof

having

the lifting arm has a depending lifting formation depending from a rear end of the lifting arm and defining at a bottom end thereof a formation for engaging the engagement formation;

a bottom end of the piston/cylinder mechanism is mounted to act on the chassis structure at a level below the drag link, a top end of the piston/cylinder mechanism is mounted to act on the lifting arm, and the piston/cylinder mechanism extends through a space defined through the drag link; and ~~that can engage either one of the drag link and the axle~~

~~assembly carried by the drag link, when displaced operatively upwardly, and a the~~
~~piston/cylinder mechanism operatively connected between the lifting arm and the chassis~~
~~structure and being~~ is operable to effect pivotal displacement of ~~displacee~~ the lifting arm
between a first position, in which the formation for engaging the engagement formation
~~lifting formation~~ is at a level below and spaced from the ~~one of the drag link and the axle~~
~~assembly to be engaged thereby~~ engagement formation, and a second position, in which the
lifting formation for engaging the engagement formation is engaged with the engagement
formation ~~one of the drag link and the axle assembly and the rollers are non-round roller is~~
thereby raised with respect to the chassis structure to ~~[[a]]~~ the raised level at which ~~it is the~~
rollers are spaced above the ground on which the chassis structure is supported by its wheels.

2. (Currently amended) An impact compactor as claimed in Claim 1, in which
the ~~depending lifting formation of the lifting arm of the lifting arrangement is formed to~~
~~engage the drag link via an~~ engagement formation is provided on the drag link.

3. (Currently amended) An impact compactor as claimed in Claim 1, in which
the ~~depending lifting formation of the lifting arm of the lifting arrangement is formed to~~
~~engage the axle assembly via an~~ engagement formation is provided on the axle assembly.

4. (Currently amended) An impact compactor as claimed in Claim ~~2 or in Claim~~
~~3~~ 1, in which the piston of the piston/cylinder mechanism ~~particularly~~ has a stroke that
provides for the required displacement of the lifting arm between its first and second
positions, the first position of the lifting arm providing ~~particularly~~ for a sufficient spacing
between the ~~depending lifting~~ engagement formation and the formation for engaging the
engagement formation ~~to be engaged thereby~~, to permit operation of the compactor without

mechanical interference ~~[[by]]~~ between the lifting arrangement engagement formation and the formation for engaging the engagement formation.

5. (Currently amended) An impact compactor as claimed in claim 1, in which the depending lifting formation of the lifting arm extends through ~~[[a]]~~ the space provided therefor by defined through the drag link.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently amended) An impact compactor as claimed in Claim ~~[[8]]~~ 1, in which the lifting arm is pivotally supported on the drag link at a location near the ~~pivotaly located~~ front end of the drag link.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Canceled)

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently amended) An impact compactor as claimed in claim 1, ~~wherein the impact compactor~~ which is configured to be towed by a tractor for its operation.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

16. (Canceled)

17. (Canceled)